

Weather and Water (W&W) Goal Team Weekly Newsletter
14 Feb 2005

Next W&W Goal Team Draft Meeting Agenda

- Thursday, February 24, 2pm - 3:00 pm EST, SSMC-2 16246
 - o Telecon# 866-707-7320
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- Status of PDM Action Items
- NOAA Stakeholders Meeting
- Report from Goal and Sub-Goal Lead Off-Site

Other Important Dates/Items/Issues

- February 15 – PPI Briefing to CFOs on Corporate Performance Measures
- February 15 – Mandatory Fleet Allocation Training at the Hilton on Colesville Road from 10am to 4pm. The Meeting is mandatory for PMs with Fleet requirements.
- February 16 – Goal and Sub-Goal Lead Off-Site
- March 1 – Start of FY08 PPBES Cycle. The FY08 Schedule can be accessed at: <https://www.ppbs.noaa.gov/calendar08.html>
- March 2, 2005 – NOAA Stakeholders Meeting at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC
- March 9 – PPI Briefing to NEP on CPMs

Notes from GT Meeting on 2/10/05

- Frank went over the **PDM Action Summary** spreadsheet W&W will be using to track the status of each activity that needs to be completed per the PDM. The list is divided into segments based on the due date/times of importance for each item. The spreadsheet uses a color coded system to indicate the status of each item. Green = on schedule, yellow = slightly behind schedule, red = significantly behind schedule.
 - o The PDM requires W&W to complete several plans. The W&W staff will provide a clarified definition of 'what a plan is' later this week. The definition will build on a plan's required components of: activities->costs->milestones->objectives->outcomes-> and alternatives.
- **PBAs** will be started in May this year. A few highlights to be aware of:
 - o PBAs will use spreadsheets more than last year's process;
 - o Information on milestones will be requested;
 - o PBAs will not contain PART exercises this year;
 - o A June 30 NEP meeting has been scheduled for selected Program Managers to give an overview of their PBAs. Programs have not been chosen yet, but will be notified when selected.
- Jenifer gave an update on the status of **W&W's CPMs**.
 - o FY07 CPMs and write-ups have been submitted to PPI
 - o A Corporate Working Group consisting of LO and Goal staff has been formed to work on CPM development improvements

- W&W has formed its own working group to develop a strategy for the FY08 CPM process and identify potential measures for FY08. Members of the W&W CPM Working Group are Jenifer Rhoades (W&W), Pai-Yei Whung (OAR), Dave MacFarland (NOS), and Laura Mervilde (NWS).
- Frank briefed the group on his proposed **Project Alignment Guidance**. Issuing a Project Alignment Guidance Memorandum for projects that span more than one program and/or goal will more clearly define roles and responsibilities of the project lead and support providers. Frank used a draft Tsunami Project Alignment Guidance Memorandum as an example. Possible candidates for Project Alignment Guidance include: IOOS, ISOS, and Storm Surge.
- Mary described the up-coming **Stakeholder's Meeting** (see Other Important Dates/Items/Issues). The meeting will have the same structure as last year with plenaries and breakout sessions. PMs are expected to attend.
- Jenifer gave a quick demonstration of the new **W&W Website** which is expected to be launched during the week of February 14.
- Announced the February 15 **Fleet Allocation Training** at the Hilton in Silver Spring
- Mary mentioned the Goal Team Leads and Deputies are having an **GTL Off-Site** meeting on February 16th. The purpose of the off-site is for GTLs to discuss FY07 lessons learned, strategize for the FY08 process, and determine their objectives.
- Programs need to coordinate their **AOPs** with their respective LOs.
- The **Research to Applications Policy** was briefed to the NEC on February 9th. No official word on its approval but there are strong indications it was accepted.
- Eric Miller presented an overview of the **NOSA Methodology**. The NOSA Methodology is a NOSC approved NOAA-wide observing system portfolio analysis. NOSA plays a facilitator role by collecting, analyzing, and advising on observing system investments. Benefits are quantified by using an index of how well NOAA is meeting all of its observing system requirements. NOSA is capable of performing delta analyses from one fiscal year to another. NOSA is looking for programs with observing requirements to help them develop this NOAA-wide observing system portfolio.

Announcements

- W&W to hold LACI Meeting with Programs in March
- Upcoming Goal Team Meetings
 - March 10, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 16246
 - March 24, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 16246
 - April 7, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 16246
 - April 21, 2-3:30pm, SSMC-2 Room 16246

If you have questions about this week's minutes, please contact Mary Erickson at 301-713-3557 x183 or Jenifer Rhoades at 301-713-1975 x173.